

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROKAZU KAWAMOTO, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
: Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
: For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, PRINT CONTROL :
APPARATUS, METHOD OF)
CONTROLLING AN :
INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, METHOD OF :
CONTROLLING A PRINT)
CONTROL APPARATUS, AND :
STORAGE MEDIUM) April 23, 2001

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter
the following amendments to the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 19 and 50, to read as follows.

A marked-up copy of Claims 19 and 50, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 17, further comprising a deleting control step in which the data to be printed, stored in said spooling step, is retained after one of the formatting processes is completed and the data is deleted when both formatting processes are completed.

50. (Amended) A method according to Claim 49, wherein said setting step is capable of setting a combination of predetermined output formats.

REMARKS

The present application is being filed concurrently herewith.

The claims pending in the present application are Claims 1 to 66, the independent claims being Claims 1, 4, 7, 16, 25, 34, 43, 49, 55 and 61. Claims 19 and 50 have been

amended to correct typographical errors in the dependency of the claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the application and early passage to issue respectfully are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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VERSION WITH MARKS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 17 [7], further comprising a deleting control step in which the data to be printed, stored in said spooling step, is retained after one of the formatting processes is completed and the data is deleted when both formatting processes are completed.

50. (Amended) A method according to Claim 49 [48], wherein said setting step is capable of setting a combination of predetermined output formats.

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